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Talk about your Terrapin Spirit. In honor of their son, Jared, a freshman who is pitching his first season on the University of Maryland baseball team, Dean and Margo Stuart created this a-ma-zing maze on their Corning, N.Y., farm.

The seven-acre tribute is the third corn maze the couple has designed to attract visitors to their Crystal Valley Farm, where a pumpkin patch and hayrides round out the entertainment. The first year's theme was "Welcome to Corning." Last year's was "The Titanic."

This fall's field of dreams takes an average of 45 minutes to wander through, say the Stuarts. "We got lost while we were making it," says Margo Stuart, noting the project required 15 hours of cutting, plus design work. She plots the design on graph paper and together they do all the measurements. "Then he (Dean) does the cutting and I direct him," Margo says.

Once the maze was complete, the Stuarts took an aerial shot of the field. This year, they are turning one photo into a poster for Jared's apartment

Future Construction Subject of Campus Forum

The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at Maryland is under construction and the Adele Stamp Student Union is being renovated. Many more projects will be completed during the next four years. These projects will occur at various locations across the campus. Once completed, the benefits to those who use these fine facilities will be significant.

Given the number of projects and their anticipated impact, faculty, staff and students are invited to a Campus Forum, "Future Construction, Benefits and Challenges," Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 3:15-4:45 p.m., in the Architecture School Auditorium (Room 0204). The forum is designed to provide you with an opportunity to:

- become aware of the full range of projects which will be undertaken beginning spring semester of 2000;
- discuss the impact upon campus activities (e.g., noise, adjustments to some events and programs, traffic and pedestrian disruptions, parking displacements and permit fee increases) which can be expected as projects are completed;
- ask questions and make suggestions in order to help identify steps that will reduce disruptions to daily activities and campus events; and
- learn how the university will inform the campus community of construction activity and help minimize disruptions for everyone.

Presenters will include Brenda Testa, director, department of facilities planning; Carol Moore, director, department of architecture, engineering and construction; David Allen, director, department of campus parking; and Terry Flannery, executive director of university communication and director of marketing.

Making the Grade: Campus Considers Plus/Minus System

Until now, students at the University of Maryland could count on receiving a grade ranging from A through F at the end of each semester, but that could all be changing.

Last July, university Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Gregory Geoffrey formed a task force to investigate the benefits of a plus/minus grading system. Composed of 10 members, three students and seven faculty and staff, the task force is researching to determine the effects of changing the current system.

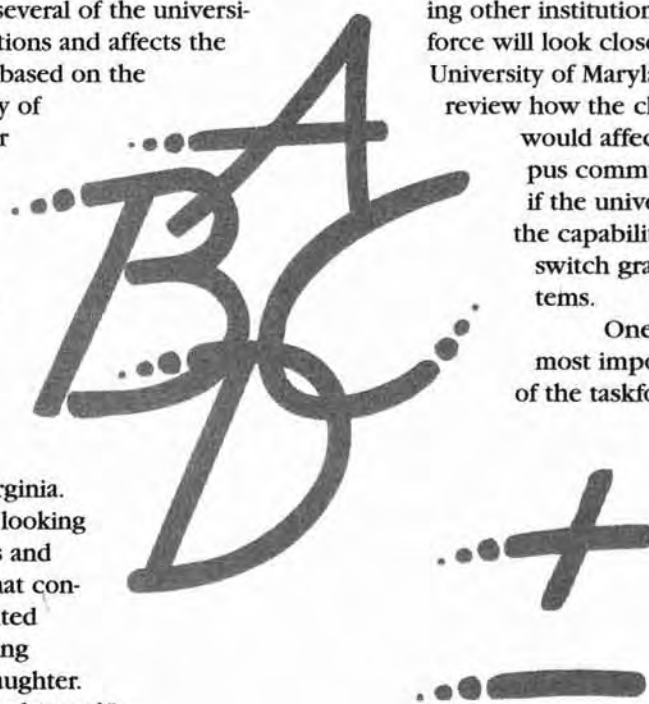
"Discussion about plus/minus grading is not new. It is a topic that seems to resurface every few years," says Leon Slaughter, assistant dean of the College of Agricultural and Natural Resources and taskforce chair.

The five-letter system of grading, which determines student scores based on the grades of A, B, C, D or F, is one of many systems used at institutions

across the country. The plus/minus system is used by several of the university's peer institutions and affects the student's grade based on the individual policy of the university or college.

Institutions currently using the plus/minus system include Duke, University of North Carolina and University of Virginia.

"We are also looking at other schools and determining what consequences resulted from their grading change," says Slaughter. "If they actually changed."



Along with investigating other institutions, the taskforce will look closely at the University of Maryland to review how the change

would affect the campus community and if the university has the capability to switch grading systems.

One of the most important jobs of the taskforce is to

facilitate discussion on the topic and gain opinions from both students and faculty. Aside from talking with experienced faculty in various departments, the taskforce offers an informational website that includes a space for opinions and feedback. The taskforce will also send surveys via e-mail to selected individuals. According to Slaughter, it's still too early to gauge how the campus community would feel about such a change. "Sentiment seems to be fairly even for and against [changing to a plus/minus system]," he says.

Although it will not make the final decision, the taskforce will compile its results by Nov. 15 and make recommendations to the provost. If you have any insights or suggestions on the changing of the grading system, visit the website: www.umd.edu/hottopics.html and add your comments.

—ERIN MADISON

Maryland and NASA Announce Creation of New Center for Research and Education in Earth System Science

The University of Maryland and NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center recently announced the formation of a major center in the emerging, interdisciplinary field known as Earth system science. The goal of the new center is to produce the multi-disciplinary research and researchers needed to better understand the total Earth system and the effects of natural and human-induced changes on the global environment.

"The new center will take its research cue from NASA's Earth Science Enterprise Strategic Plan and emphasize results that lead to clear societal benefits," says Michael Brown, interim director for the center and chair of the geology department.

Specific research projects will address issues in the following broad areas: ecosystems and the changing landscape; solid earth science and natural hazards; the hydrological cycle and ocean circulation; atmospheric chemistry, climate variability and prediction; and the use of computer science and information technologies for Earth system science.

"Educationally, the center will develop a graduate program in Earth system science that will train top students in the research methods appropriate to the new millennium," Brown says.

The new Earth System Science Interdisciplinary Center is a collaboration among the university's

- College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences (departments of geology and meteorology primarily);

- its College of Behavioral and Social Sciences department of geography; and

- NASA Goddard's Earth Sciences Directorate (Laboratories for Atmospheres, Terrestrial Physics and Hydrostatic Processes).

The center will build on the existing programs and leadership of these units in Earth science and also on the extensive history of collaboration between the university and NASA Goddard.

The university and NASA Goddard long have shared

interests in earth science areas such as the study of atmospheric, oceanographic and land processes, and the interactions among them. Fundamental to much of this work is the application of advanced remote sensing methods and the use of new information technologies to manage the huge volume of remote sensing data being produced.

Leading remote sensing programs in which both institutions are involved include the Landsat 7 and the Vegetation Canopy Lidar (VCL) satellite missions.

The recently launched Landsat 7 satellite provides high resolution images, spectral light discrimination and precision light measurement for global change studies, land cover monitoring and assessment, and large area mapping. The mission is directed by NASA Goddard and has a science team headed by department of geography chair Samuel Goward.

The University of Maryland-led VCL mission is scheduled for launch in September of 2000. It will use safe, low-power lasers to create the first

three-dimensional maps of the world's forests. The mission is headed by university geographer Ralph Dubayah and involves other scientists from the University of Maryland as well as scientists from NASA Goddard.

The work of the new Earth System Science Interdisciplinary Center will also draw from and be integrated with that of several established centers at the university. These include:

- The Cooperative Institute for Climate Studies sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). This institute fosters collaborative research between NOAA and the university in studies of climatology, climate diagnostics, modeling and prediction.

- The Global Land Cover Facility, a NASA-supported center that provides land cover data products and information services through a creative collaboration between the university's Institute for Advanced Computer Studies and its geography department.

- The NASA-supported Earth Science Application Center for the Mid-Atlantic Region. This center is using NASA's earth science information and earth observing technologies to help resolve regional land use and environmental policy issues and to provide scientists, farmers, and business entrepreneurs with new "tools" for their work.

- The Laboratory for Global Remote Sensing Studies. The lab is a multi-disciplinary collaboration of Earth system science researchers using remote sensing data from satellites and other sources to study global land cover and vegetation dynamics, global ecology, climatology, climate change, and remote sensing science.

The creation of the new Earth System Science Interdisciplinary Center is being funded by a two-year \$600,000 NASA grant, which will pay for hiring of faculty and staff. The center will be housed primarily at the university, and its operation will be supported both by university and NASA funds.

Internet Gateway Offered for Non-Profit Sector Research

A recently launched website offers scholars, researchers, media and donors a "one-stop shopping" link to the best available research on the nonprofit sector. The "NonProfit Pathfinder" site, which can be reached at www.independentsector.org, is a collaboration between the University of Maryland Civil Society Initiative and Independent Sector, a leading national coalition of nonprofit organizations.

NonProfit Pathfinder was developed in response to challenges and limitations identified in traditional web searches for information on the nonprofit sector. Browsers, including university researchers, students and industry professionals, can be overwhelmed by the sheer

volume of information available, the lack of structure to their searches, the inability to find good qualitative research, and the time-intensive nature

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of determining which resources would be most appropriate to their particular concerns. This new gateway offers visitors to the site a systematic and ongoing compilation of information on various qualitative aspects of the sector on such topics as new models, developing trends, measurement tools, new research, inno-

vations and best practices at community, state, national and international levels. The site also will be updated regularly to offer descriptions of and links to hundreds of research centers throughout the world.

"Since the mid-1990s we've seen increasingly widespread adoption of the World Wide Web as a primary research tool. In that time, there has been an explosion of information and data about the nonprofit sector and civil society available on the Internet," says Ted Howard, director, Civil Society/Community Building Initiative at Maryland. "Sharing creative new programs and practices by nonprofit leaders just became instant and worldwide. This will create a new cyber meeting ground of ideas."

Researchers can access information on the NonProfit Pathfinder site free of charge. The site also provides links to other sources on topics such as

volunteering and contributing. Support for the project was provided by the Ford Foundation, the Lilly Endowment, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, as well as other funders.

University of Maryland Civil Society/Community Building Initiative is concerned with the revitalization of democracy in the new era of globalization. Central to all the initiative's work are efforts to improve the economic and social health of local communities—and a conception of democratic renewal that begins with the experience of citizens in the localities in which they live.

Independent Sector, founded in 1980 and based in Washington, D.C., is a national coalition of more than 700 voluntary organizations, foundations and corporate giving programs with national interest and impact in philanthropic and voluntary action.

How Do you Celebrate the Holidays?

With the holiday season fast approaching, offices and departments across campus have already begun making plans for their holiday parties. Many of these celebrations also include recognition of those less fortunate. Food or clothing, for example, is collected for the needy, or gifts are wrapped for an adopted family.

Whether your department sets up a mitten tree or boxes up the ingredients for the perfect Thanksgiving dinner, *Outlook* would like to hear how you share the holiday spirit with others. We'll share your ideas with our readers.

Send your stories to *Outlook* via e-mail: outlook@accmail.umd.edu; fax: 314-9344; or campus mail: 2101 Turner Building.

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From Camp to Campus: Harrington Empowers Youth

People often keep little knick knacks on their desks. David Harrington, recently appointed associate director of the James MacGregor Burns Academy of Leadership, keeps



a can of sardines and a can of pork and beans on his. The cans are not there in case he gets hungry, though. They remind him of his roots empowering young people, and that learning can be fun.

Harrington says the art in teaching students leadership is helping them find their "inner calling," that voice inside of them that yearns to make a difference in people's lives. Now in his second year

with the academy, Harrington originally found his calling working as a camp counselor.

In his twenties, Harrington worked for the D.C. Department of Family Services as a counselor for the Send a Kid to Camp program, which involved taking children from the inner city to Prince William's Forrest Park in Virginia. At night, the kids would sing "Sardines and Pork and Beans" around the campfire. Those memories have stayed with him.

Since then Harrington has devoted his career to helping youths become leaders through active involvement in their community. He is the embodiment of what the academy hopes to create for students: a link between the academic community and the professional world surrounding it.

Director Nance Lucas tapped Harrington to be associate director of the academy because of his work there, his lengthy experience with youth, and his extensive community service. Besides being the mayor of nearby Bladensburg, a big job in and of itself, Harrington is also active in several other organizations. His service exemplifies his belief that "leadership is best learned by experience-making mistakes and solving ethical dilemmas." He encourages students to become members of student government and local government.

"With Bladensburg, I felt the government was resistant to people getting involved and really didn't welcome people's input," says Harrington. "And also, there was just a real fear of having people with different backgrounds being a part of that. So, I didn't have any ambition for running for office, but I thought about it, and I said, 'Well, why don't I run for mayor?'" He won the mayor's office in 1995, and is currently serving his third term.

The Academy of Leadership plays many roles on

and off campus. Academy faculty teach in the College Park Scholars Program, which has grown exponentially from a single dormitory hall to an entire community inside of campus. They also help broker internships for students, advise students on leadership career paths and help set curricula.

College Park Scholars stresses the kind of community service and independent learning Harrington believes is essential to breeding future leaders. "We're trying to have them discover their own capacity for leadership as well as teaching them as a group," says Harrington. He taught a course in public policy to College Park Scholars, where he asked students to get involved in the municipal government by evaluating his own administration of Bladensburg. His students went door to door surveying constituents and reported their findings to the class.

Harrington also serves as vice chair of the Maryland Municipal League Legislative Committee, a body that lobbies the Maryland State Legislature on issues affecting various municipalities. The league offers training and technical support to newly-elected officials around the area as well. Other notable members of the organization include Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke and University Park Mayor Margaret Mallino.

Before becoming a public servant, Harrington worked for Close-Up, a non-profit, non-partisan civic educational organization that encourages teachers, students and older Americans to become effective citizens. When he came to Close-Up as a program instructor, they were teaching high school students how to affect public policy by pairing them with Congressmen and other prominent leaders. Over the years, Harrington rose through the ranks and became the director of education for Close-Up, overseeing a \$2 million budget.

At the same time, he was helping train social studies teachers with the National Council on Social Studies (NCSS). Besides training, the council developed a nationwide social studies curriculum. While at the NCSS, Harrington headed the African American Educators Special Interest Group.

His work has not gone unrecognized. Harrington received a Participant Fellowship from Harvard University. For his volunteer work, he was voted Outstanding Volunteer by the United Way United Black Fund and received the Outstanding Leadership & Community Service Award from Howard University,



David Harrington

where he earned his bachelor's degree.

Harrington's next goal for the Academy of Leadership is to create a trade association whereby professionals and students can exchange ideas. Last year, the academy sponsored a Leaders/Sponsors Association Conference at USC, and an outgrowth of that is the first International Leadership Association Conference in Atlanta, Ga. The three-day ILA Conference (Oct. 28-30) in Atlanta will feature several noted speakers, including Larry Spears, CEO, Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership, and Perry Smith, Major General, United States Air Force (Ret.), NBC News military affairs analyst and president of Visionary Leadership. The Honorable John Lewis, United States House of Representatives will also be speaking at the conference.

On Oct. 28 the Burns Academy of Leadership and A.K. Rice Institute will co-sponsor the Spirituality, Authority and Leadership Conference. Topics will include the nature of and exercise of leadership and authority and how one's spirituality influences these concepts, how to identify and manage overt and covert dynamics that influence how groups and organizations function, and how groups form, define tasks, select leaders, and interact with other groups.

—DAVID ABRAMS

Taiwanese Students Extend Their Thanks

The following is a reprint of a letter written to President Dan Mote:

On Thursday, Sept. 30 and Friday, Oct. 1, the Taiwanese Student Association jointly conducted the Taiwan Earthquake Relief Fundraising in front of the Stamp Student Union with the Tzu-Chi Youth group. During the two-day marathon fundraising, we accumulated a total amount of \$4,934.42. The funds have been directly sent to the D.C. branch of the Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu-Chi Foundation and will be used for earthquake relief efforts immediately.

We would like to thank everyone who supported this fundraising campaign. As we observed, most of the people who participated in this fundraising donated small bills of one or two dollars, or coins. This means that most of our funds came from students who have a very tight budget. This also means that thousands of people on our campus made their donation.

We would like to thank the whole campus community for its kindness. We also feel very touched that so many students with tight budgets would like to make contributions to help earthquake victims in Taiwan. The earthquake took many lives and destroyed many homes. We hope that all the efforts from our campus will help relieve those who are suffering from the disaster. Please help us spread our gratitude to the whole campus community.

Kuo-Sheng Lai
Chair, Taiwanese Student Association

A Moral Society

Professor Elie Wiesel, winner of the 1986 Nobel Prize for Peace and award-winning author of "Night," will be speaking about "Building a Moral Society," Thursday, Oct. 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Colony Ballroom, Stamp Student Union. A reception follows.

Wiesel is the Romanian-born American novelist whose works provide a sober yet passionate testament of the World War II Holocaust. His talk is part of the "Diversity and Community in American Life" colloquium series sponsored by the College of Education's Center for Education Policy and Leadership.

Tickets, which are required, are free and will be distributed two per person, from the Information Desk in Stamp Student Union from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, Tuesday, Oct. 26 and Wednesday, Oct. 27.

For more information, contact Steven Selden at 405-3566, or ss22@umail.umd.edu



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Your Guide to University Events
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October 26

4 p.m. Physics Colloquia: "Strings and Geometry," Cumrun Vafa, Harvard University. 1410 Physics Bldg.

October 27

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. College of Library and Information Services Professional Development Workshop: "Leadership and Management of Archives, Records and Information Management Programs." The seminar analyzes the issues and problems faced by archives, records management and related programs, plus discuss the roles that leaders and managers of these programs can play to address these needs. Registration required. 5-2057 or ra67@umail.umd.edu.*

Noon. Research & Development Meeting: "Student Trends on Campus," Mara Gotfried, editor, The Diamondback. 0114 Counseling Center, Shoemaker Bldg.

4 p.m. Art Department Lecture: "One Billion Cokes a Day: World Culture at the Millennium," Joel Swerdlow, senior editor and lead speaker of the National Geographic Special Issue, Global Culture. West Gallery, Art Sociology Bldg.

October 28

3:30 p.m. Meteorology Seminar: "Seasonal Predictions with NASA/GEOS-2 General Circulation Model," Siegfried Schubert, data assimilation office, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. 2400 Computer and Space Sciences Bldg.

3:30 p.m. "Online Communities: Sociability and Usability," Jennifer Preece, UMBC department of information systems. 2460 A.V. Williams Bldg.

4 p.m. Distinguished Lecturer Series: "Theory and Practice in Contemporary Biology," Evelyn Fox Keller, MIT. 1407 Chemistry Lecture Hall.

4 p.m. Institute for Global Chinese Affairs Lecture: "U.S. - China Policies and Relations," Minister Xiaoming Liu, deputy chief of mission, PRC Embassy. 0106 Francis Scott Key Hall. 5-0213 or rm165@umail.umd.edu.

October 29

1:30 p.m. WebSpinner Tutorial. 4404 Computer & Space Sciences Bldg. rban@info.umd.edu or www.inform.umd.edu/WST/classes.html.

8 p.m. University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra presents Lan Shui, Guest Conductor. Music Director, Singapore Symphony. Tawes Fine Arts Bldg. 5-5570.

October 30

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Maryland Alumni Association presents an annual Homecoming Festival featuring food, costume contests and a tailgating competition. Lot Z and Tyser Tower in front of Byrd Stadium. 4-7174

8 p.m. School of Music: Polish Chamber Philharmonic, featuring Simon Dent on oboe and Christopher Taylor on piano. Pre-concert discussion starts at 6:30. Inn & Conference Center. 5-7847.*

October 31

3-5 p.m. School of Music: "Brahms: Nanie; Mozart: Requiem." Memorial Chapel. 5-5570.*

November 2

4 p.m. Physics Colloquia: "New Results from the Galileo Jupiter Orbiter," Don Williams, Applied Physics Laboratory. 1410 Physics Bldg.

November 3

Noon. Center for Health and Wellbeing presents a brown bag lunch and talk about the proper way to exercise in cold weather. 0121 Campus Recreation Center.

Noon. Research & Development Meeting: "Adding Two Levels of Self-Exploration to Career Counseling Clients' Tasks," Franklin Westbrook, staff psychologist. 0114 Counseling Center, Shoemaker Bldg.

Philharmonic Plays Tribute to Strauss

The Polish Chamber Philharmonic, from Sopot, Poland, presents a tribute to Richard Strauss Oct. 30 at the Inn & Conference Center. The performance, featuring oboist Simon Dent and pianist Christopher Taylor, commemorates Strauss on the 50th anniversary of his death.

The orchestra, conducted by Wojciech Rajski, will perform Strauss' Oboe Concerto, written in 1945 after the German surrender in World War II while Strauss was exiled in Switzerland. Other pieces to be performed include Bach's "D-minor Keyboard Concerto," Mozart's "Symphony No. 40" and "Górecki's Three Pieces in Ancient Style."

Rajski started the Philharmonic in 1980. The *Washington Post* has said "every member of this youthful ensemble is a totally committed musician...they played with the unanimity, balance and freedom of a fine string quartet...radiant."

Featured soloist Simon Dent has been principal oboist with the Bavarian State Opera in Munich since 1980. On his performance of Strauss' Oboe Concerto, Münchner Merkur says he played it "with exuberant highlighting, disarming virtuosity and an intensively communicated flow of melos: a splendid, deservedly frenetically acclaimed, hot-blooded interpretation."

Featured pianist Christopher Taylor, who won first prize in the University of Maryland William Kapell Competition in 1990, was also

the first American to reach the finals of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition since 1981. "Taylor should be watched," says the *Washington Post*. "He may be one of the most impressive young pianists on the horizon today."

Conductor Rajski was born in 1948 in Warsaw and educated at the Warsaw Academy of Music. Between 1971 and 1981, he held the position of artistic director and principal conductor of the Poznan Philharmonic Orchestra in Poland and that of leading conductor at the Bonn Opera and the Orchestra of the Beethovenhalle in Germany.

A free pre-concert discussion on Oct. 30 will feature Taylor and moderated by Dan DeVany, program director of WETA-FM. Also scheduled to participate is University of Maryland Associate Professor and oboist Mark Hill.

The Concert Society of Maryland is a resident presenting organization of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, scheduled for completion in fall of 2001. Now in its 24th season, the society presents chamber and early music, world music, and dance, featuring internationally renowned and emerging artists.

Tickets to the Polish Chamber Philharmonic are \$18, \$15.50 for seniors and \$5 for students with valid university I.D. For more information, call 405-7847.



November 4

Noon. Institute for Global Chinese Affairs Lecture: "NSF Research and Education Opportunities in East Asia and the Pacific, with Special Focus on China, Taiwan and Hong Kong," William Chang, National Science Foundation. 5-0213 or rm165@umail.umd.edu.

12:30 p.m. "Meet the Director: Michael Kahn, artistic director of the Shakespeare Theatre and director of its current production of King Lear. Frank Hildy, Ted Leinwand, and Ted van Griethuysen, Panelists." Maryland Room, Marie Mount Hall. 5-6830 or crbs@umail.umd.edu.

4 p.m. Committee on the History and Philosophy of Science Lecture: "Prognostication: Science of the Next Millennium," James Yorke, ISPT. 1117 Francis Scott Key Bldg.

Musical Masquerade

The University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra kicks off the Maryland Masquerade Homecoming Weekend with a free concert Friday, Oct. 29, at 8 p.m. in Tawes Theatre. Lan Shui, music director of the Singapore Symphony, will serve as guest conductor for the Orchestra's Halloween Classics for Homecoming concert featuring Stravinsky's "Petrouchka," Mussorgsky's "Night on Bald Mountain," Saint-Saëns' "Danse Macabre" and Franck's "The Accursed Huntsman."

For more information, call 405-7847.

Calendar Guide

Calendar phone numbers listed as 4-xxxx or 5-xxxx stand for the prefix 314- or 405. Events are free and open to the public unless noted by an asterisk (*). Calendar information for *Outlook* is compiled from a combination of inform's master calendar and submissions to the *Outlook* office.

To reach the calendar editor, call 405-7615 or e-mail Outlook@accmail.umd.edu.

A Cappella at the Chapel

The fifth annual "A Cappella at the Chapel" singfest will be held in Memorial Chapel at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 27, and admission is free.

Now a traditional part of "Homecoming Week," this year's singfest features university student groups "The Generics," "The Treblemakers," "Faux Pas," "PandemoniUM," and "Earthtonez." They'll be joined by "The

Troubadours," a student a cappella group from George Washington University, and "Hometowne USA," the men's barbershop chorus from Montgomery County.

Those with faculty/staff permits may park in Lot Y, behind the chapel, while others may park free in lots C1, C2 and L near Reckord Armory and Mitchell and Lee buildings.

Any questions? Call Nick Kovalakides at 314-9893.



The Generics



The Treblemakers

Concert Society's November Dates

The Concert Society, a program of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland, is pleased to announce its performances for November 1999:

Saturday, Nov. 6

BeauSoleil with Michael Doucet & Ad Vielle Que Pourra. America's #1 Cajun Band and the Quebec-based Ad Vielle Que Pourra trace the musical traditions of the French-speaking Acadians.

Pre-concert discussion: 6:30 p.m. and concert at 8 p.m. Tawes Theatre, University of Maryland, College Park
Tickets: \$15-25 (student, senior discounts available)
405-7847

Wednesday, Nov. 10

Army Blues Jazz Ensemble
Chris Vadala, guest artist
Premier Army jazz ensemble plays works by Ellington, Basie, Miller, and Herman.
University College Inn and Conference Center,
University Blvd. and Adelphi Road, College Park
8 p.m.
Free
405-7847

Saturday, Nov. 20

The Clerk's Group
A program of secular and sacred music sung from original notation. Works by Dufay, Ockeghem, Des Prez and others.
Pre-concert discussion: 6:30 p.m. and concert: 8 p.m.
University College Inn and Conference Center,
University Blvd. and Adelphi Road, College Park
Tickets: \$18, \$15.50 senior, \$5 student
405-7847

Breadloaf Anthology Brings Together Top Contemporary Poets

English Professors Michael Collier and Stanley Plumley recently published a collection of poetry called "The New Bread Loaf Anthology of Contemporary American Poetry." The anthology includes the works of 82 American poets, including Agha Shahid Ali, Frank Bidart, Yusef Komunyakaa, Campbell McGrath, Heather McHugh and Albert Rio. All of the poems were written in the last five years.

"It's a mirror, as much as anything, of what's going on in contemporary poetry," says Collier. The goal of the editors was to offer a snapshot of American poetry, showcasing poets who may not be in other anthologies. "There's really nothing in the marketplace like that," says Plumley. "They're all living writers."

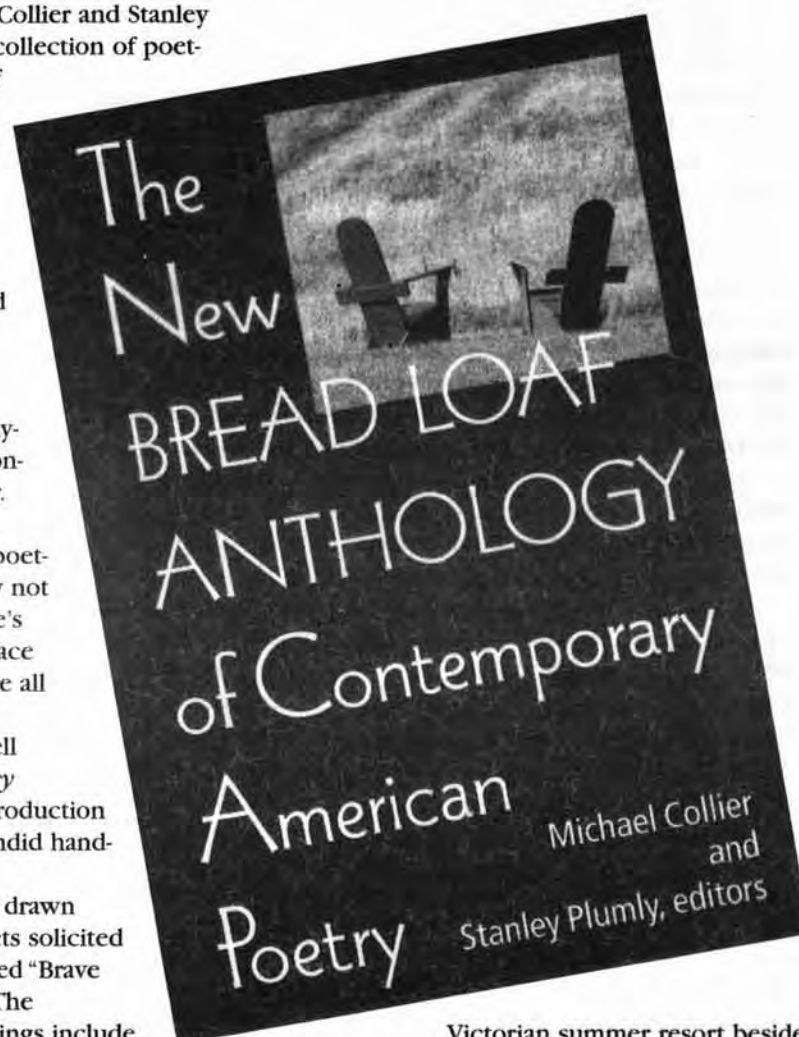
The anthology has been well received by critics. *The Library Journal* called it "a superb introduction for the new reader and a splendid handbook for the poet and critic."

The material in the book is drawn from a survey of over 100 poets solicited by the editors. Collier submitted "Brave Sparrow," "Pay-Per-View" and "The Swimmer," and Plumley's offerings include "Catbird Beginning with a Cardinal" and "Cheer." Associate English Professor Phillis Levin is also represented, with her poems "Cumulus," "Part" and "A Portrait."

The anthology is dedicated to Larry Levis and William Matthews, two gifted writers who died recently. Both writers were dear to Collier and Plumley, and many of the other poets in the book dedicated their poems to Levis and Matthews individually. Plumley's "Catbird Beginning with a Cardinal" is written for Levis, a poet he calls "remarkable" and "underrated."

The Bread Loaf Writers' Conference and Middlebury College Press have published seven other anthologies, edited by Robert Pack and Jay Parin since 1985. Collier was appointed director of the conference in 1994, and this collection is the first published during his tenure.

The Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, founded in 1926, is an annual conference held in an old



Victorian summer resort beside Bread Loaf Mountain, Vt., sponsored by Middlebury College. It has attracted some of the most notable American literary names of the 20th century, including Robert Frost (known as the "godfather of Bread Loaf"), Ralph Ellison, Truman Capote, Sinclair Lewis, John Irving, Toni Morrison and Stanley Elkin. According to organizers, it is "the oldest, largest, and most influential of the scores of writers' conferences around the country." Students go to the 11-day conference to meet published writers, learn writing skills and show their own unpublished works.

Collier has another book coming out in the Spring of 2000 focusing on younger, less established poets, called "The New American Poets." It will include writers that have not published several books yet, as many represented in this book have.

—DAVID ABRAMS

University Chorus Honors Mozart, Brahms

The world-renowned University of Maryland Chorus, conducted by Jesse Parker, will perform Mozart's glorious "Requiem" and Brahms' rarely performed gem "Nänie" Sunday, Oct. 31 at 3 p.m. in Memorial Chapel.



The chorus will be joined by David Brundage, bass, along with members

of the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets are \$10, \$16, \$20 and \$23. Discount prices are available to senior citizens and University of Maryland students, faculty and staff with university I.D. For more information, call 405-5570.





W.C. Richardson's painting "Time Lock," purchased by the Hirshhorn Museum in 1998, was included in the exhibition, "The Hirshhorn Museum at 25: Celebrating Contemporary Art," on view last April through last August. Richardson, associate professor of art, was also asked to be a member of the artists committee for the 25th Anniversary Benefit. He was invited to a tea at the White House hosted by Hillary Clinton, honorary co-chair of the benefit.

Richardson's work was also included in the painting exhibition, "Chance and Necessity," curated by Power Boothe. The show originated at Maryland Art Place in Baltimore and traveled to five locations including the Kennedy Museum of Art at Ohio University.

Sylvia Rosenfield, professor, counseling and personnel services, is the recipient of the American Psychological Association's 2000 Distinguished Career Contributions to Education and Training Award. This award recognizes a psychologist for major contributions made to education and training over the course of his or her career. The primary criterion for the award is excellence in education and training.

Quoting from the award announcement: "Your career work in the field of training and practice in school psychology has been exceptional. Your work in models of service delivery and training issues has been instrumental in education and providing quality training for today's students. The contributions you have made to the field of school psychology have had an impact on society and psychology, and particularly issues related to special education, minority students and urban schools."

Rosenfield will receive a \$1,000 honorarium at the APA Awards Ceremony next August at the APA Convention in Washington, D.C.

William Sedlacek, professor of education in the department of counseling and personnel services, and assistant director, Counseling Center, had his article, "Black Students on White Campuses: 20 Years of Research," originally published in 1987, selected as one of the best articles to appear in the *Journal of College Student Development* in the last 40 years. It is reprinted in the 40th anniversary issue (Sept/Oct 1999) of the journal.

Civic Education for Youth Growing Concern among Democratic Nations

The United States is not the only country struggling to find ways to engage its youth in the civic and political life of the nation. A new report finds widespread concern among educational leaders in 24 countries about youths' growing disdain for participation in the democratic processes of society.

The report, "Civic Education across Countries: Twenty-four National Case Studies from the IEA Civic Education Project," is the first attempt in more than 20 years to gain a comprehensive understanding of what adolescents are expected to know about democratic practices and institutions, and how these national values are taught. This edited volume is the first part of an ongoing study that will also test 120,000 students in nearly 30 countries to find out what they really know about democracy and their role as citizens.

"We need to know what schools in the U.S. and elsewhere are helping their students learn about the possibilities and limitations of political action," says Judith Torney-Purta, professor in the College of Education and chair of the international steering committee directing the project.

"It is important for policy makers and educators to know what the people who will be adult leaders in 20 years understand and believe about the civic and economic society which surrounds them," adds Torney-Purta.

The civic education project is coordinated through the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), the same group that organized the Third International Study of Mathematics and Science (TIMSS), the widely known comparative assessment of students' math and science achievement.

Twenty-four nations in Europe, North and South America, Asia and Australia participated in phase one of the civics project. They include long-established democracies and the transitional democracies of newly independent states in central and eastern Europe. Taken together, the case studies provide a comprehensive view of what

educators and national leaders believe 14-year-olds should know about 18 topics including elections, individual rights, national identity, political participation, relations of economics to politics and respect for ethnic and political diversity.

The first phase of the study found surprising consensus across countries about the core topics that should be included in civic education. Many shared the belief that instruction should be participatory and related to life in the school and community. The countries also expressed deep concern about issues of social cohesion and diversity. The case studies highlight these areas of agreement and also examine the issues or themes that each nation sees as most important in its civic education efforts.

"This report gives educators and policy makers cross-national information to inform deliberations about the role and status of civic education within these countries," says Torney-Purta.

Data from Phase 1 of the project has been used to develop survey instruments and tests that are being administered to representative samples of students in each country, including the U.S., as part of Phase 2. The assessments will test students' understanding of democratic principles and skills in interpreting political leaflets and cartoons. They will also survey students' concepts of good citizenship and their trust in government. The results will be released in February 2001.

The 24 case studies and summary evaluations of Phase 1 have been published by IEA and are available in North America through the National Council for the Social Studies at 1-800-683-0812. Purchasers should ask for order # 409501.

Countries that participated in Phase 1 of the project include: Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, England, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Switzerland and the United States.

New Clubhouse Suits Diners to a Tee

Whether you're a seasoned golf pro or you've never set foot on a golf course, you can still enjoy the new clubhouse at the University of Maryland Golf Course.

Nestled in the rolling greens of the golf course, the new Club House offers a wide variety of dining options to serve your golf outing, conference, reception or special events.

The Club House features a full service lounge, The Turn Snack Bar, and a beautiful banquet room seating up to 99 guests with a sweeping vista of the tree-lined greens.

And at Mulligan's Grill, you can enjoy a menu that boasts tasty appetizers and reasonably priced sandwiches and salads. Brews from around the world are featured at the bar.

For more information, call 403-4182.



A closer look

The Center on Aging

Little known to many on campus, the University of Maryland Center on Aging (UMCA) is playing an active role in furthering the quality of life of America's fast-growing elderly population. Not only is the center addressing issues such as concerns for older women and accessibility, quality and efficiency of services for the elderly, but also it is looking at the needs of families who provide care to its aged members.

Founded in 1974, the center is designed to foster basic, applied and policy research, education and public service in the areas of health promotion, disease prevention and human aging. Knowledge gained from the research is shared with government administrators and policymakers, as well as professionals in healthcare systems, private organizations and the public.

An equally important part of the center's mission is promoting greater understanding of the needs and abilities of the elderly. Faculty serve key congressional committees and provide informal advice to members of Congress, the media and interested groups.

UMCA also cosponsors the Senior University, the academic program adjacent to campus offering classes to persons 55 and over (see *Outlook* story, Oct. 19, 1999 issue).

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Center on Aging

The Center on Aging falls under the auspices of the College of Health and Human Performance. Director Laura Wilson and Associate Director Mark Meiners lead a team of researchers who are evaluating current elderly health programming and analyzing how they can receive the least restrictive care, as well as learning how society will finance long-term care.

Currently, the Center on Aging is working on

projects with the Partnership for Long-Term Care, the Medicare/Medicaid Integration Program, Service Credit Banking and the Cash and Counseling Program. Partnership for Long-Term Care, sponsored by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, works to create new ways to pay for long-term care. The program forms partnerships between Medicaid and private long-term care insurers. Under the program, once private insurance benefits are used up, special Medicaid eligibility rules will be implemented.

"We still have work to do to educate the public that long-term care is not somebody else's problem, but a reality that is likely to cost in the hundreds of thousands of dollars for many American families," says Meiners, who also directs the Partnership for Long-Term Care. "It simply makes sense for people to purchase protection in the healthy years before long-term care devours a family's accumulated savings and forces them into destitution. It can provide peace of mind if and when the need arises."

The Medicare/Medicaid Integration Program was founded by the Center on Aging and The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation with an \$8 million grant. The program strives to integrate acute and long-term care. State governments are provided with funding and technical assistance from the center to restructure the way acute and long-term care is financed. Medicare/Medicaid Integration is currently being initiated in 10 states including Maryland.

The Center on Aging also works with health maintenance organizations to encourage informal care and develop Service Credit Banking, volunteer programs for elderly members which allow HMOs to accommodate members' needs for non-medical services such as transportation and shopping. Meiners says this program is necessary because "as more seniors enroll in managed care, HMOs may find that constraining medical costs requires enhancing informal support for non-medical needs."

The Cash and Counseling Program allots cash allowances to be paid directly to disabled persons, affording them the independence to arrange and purchase services that they feel best meet their needs. Sponsored by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, this program gives disabled persons maximum control over the services they receive.

"All of these programs are successes in that they went from being research-based, basically doing background work to figure out if the idea makes sense and how it makes sense, to being offered as an option to states and having states implement it," says Meiners.

—SABRINA MARTIN

Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity Earns Ford Foundation Grant for Study

The University of Maryland recently received a two-year, \$500,000 grant from the Ford Foundation for three projects focusing on studying contemporary approaches to defining women from a multicultural paradigm.

The project, titled "Collaborative Transformations in the Academy: Reconstructing the Study of Gender, Race Ethnicity and Nation," will nurture a collaborative inquiry into the experiences and ideas of women of many backgrounds as they have been transfigured by economic, cultural and political forces at the turning of the new millennium. The research is assembled by an interdisciplinary team of experts who will focus on issues relating to cultural diversity among women.

The study brings together researchers from the Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity; the Afro-American studies program; and the combined units of the Curriculum Transfer Project and the department of women's studies. The three units will conduct distinct but related projects.

The Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity seeks to build an infrastructure at Maryland that will enhance interdisciplinary and collaborative research on issues of race, gender and ethnicity and give a greater visibility to the work occurring on campus.

The focus of the Afro-American studies program is to develop a seminar that will bring together multi-racial and ethnic group of

scholars to explore how the presence of women in the workplace affect the experiences and imaginations of women of color, their families and their communities.

The combined units of the Curriculum Transformation Project and the department of women's studies will support two international seminars with colleagues from China and Korea during the first year and from South Africa and the West Indies during the second year.

"The seminars will build links between international graduate programs for a final retreat that will assist educators at the university in evaluating its graduate women's studies curriculum," says Deborah Rosenfelt, director of the Curriculum Transformation Project and professor in women's studies. "The retreat will explore teaching methods of similar programs at other institutions across the United States." The scholars will explore how feminism and women's activism are expressed in different cultures.

"The three components of 'Collaborative Transformations in the Academy' have in common a concern with fostering multidisciplinary examination of how gender, race and ethnicity connect with other dimensions of difference," says Bonnie Thornton Dill, director of the Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity and one of the principal investigators of the grant. Rosenfelt and Sharon Harley, director and associate professor in the Afro-American studies program, will share responsibilities with Dill in directing the projects.

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Contact Terry Ann Saylor, head of access services, McKeldin Library, at ts6@umail.umd.edu.

The Homecoming Festival

The Alumni Association is hosting its annual Homecoming Festival Saturday, Oct. 30, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the grassy picnic area between Lot Z and the Tyser Tower entrance to Byrd Stadium. "Maryland Masquerade: Come Have a Ball!" is free and open to the public, and all members of the university community are invited to attend.

Festival-goers also are invited to wear their most outrageous costumes and decorate their vehicles. Grand prize winner will receive four floor-seat tickets to the Maryland vs. Kentucky men's basketball game. An interactive game area will feature an obstacle course, face painting, a quarterback challenge, a

speed toss and rock climbing.

For further information, contact Lori Hill at 405-4672.

Service and Social Change

The Mini-Center for Teaching Interdisciplinary Studies of Culture and Society presents "Teaching, Service,

Representation 'Woman' to Disruptive Women Artists: An Irigarayan Reading of Irish Visual Culture," Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 5 p.m., in Room 1213 Art/Sociology Building. Robinson is currently a professor at the University of Belfast, Ireland. Her lecture is cosponsored by the departments of art history & archaeology and women's studies

For more information, contact Josephine Withers, jw72@umail.umd.edu or 405-1488

Celebrating Black Art

Nyumburu Cultural Center presents a monthly art exhibit titled "A Celebration of Black Art: The African American

should call the curator at 314-7758 or e-mail cp102@umail.umd.edu.

Designating UM for Charity

The 1999 directory for the Maryland Charity Campaign, the state's work force portion of the United Way Campaign, inadvertently omitted the code to designate funds for the University of Maryland, College Park. To do so, write in Agency Number 5383 on your pledge card and your contribution will be restricted to the University of Maryland, College Park campus. (All faculty & staff contributions also go toward the Bold Vision Bright Future Campaign.)

gly@math.umd.edu. For a complete abstract go to: www.math.umd.edu/dept/seminars/statistics/

MEDLINE Matters

The University Libraries welcome faculty and graduate students to a demonstration and hands-on exploration of the new version of PubMed, one system of MEDLINE available free through the National Library of Medicine, for finding journal articles in the field of biomedicine. Related topics for brief discussion include pre-MEDLINE, Internet Grateful Med, MEDLINEplus for consumer health information, the Next Generation Gateway, the current proposal for PubMed Central, and other new developments for free access to full-text biomedical research information online.

This demonstrations will be held twice in Room 4133 McKeldin Library: Thursday, Nov. 4, 10:30 a.m.-noon, and Wednesday, Dec. 1, from 10-11:30 a.m.

Advance registration is required by completing the form at:

www.lib.umd.edu/UMCP/UES/seminar-f.html. Other Fall 399 Electronic Information Resources Seminars are listed at: www.lib.umd.edu/UMCP/UES/seminar.html

Honoring Neil

✓ Neil Davidson, currently interim associate dean for undergraduate studies, retired from the department of curriculum and instruction last July after a 31-year career at the University of Maryland. To honor his diverse and significant contributions to the Center for Mathematics Education, the department of curriculum and instruction, the university and the profession of education, Davidson has been asked to give a special retrospective colloquium talk Thursday, Nov. 4, titled "Small-Group Cooperative Learning: What I've Learned in the Past 30 years."

Davidson's talk will be the centerpiece of an event with both social and academic aspects, and will be held in the Grand Ballroom Lounge, Stamp Student Union. The event begins at 4 p.m. Davidson's talk and small group activity begins at 4:30 p.m. A reception follows his presentation.

Anyone planning to attend should call the Center for Mathematics Education at 405-3115 or send an e-mail to eg58@umail.umd.edu.

To Your Health

The Center for Health and Wellbeing presents a series of Brown Bag Lunches during November focusing on a variety of health-related topics. The noon to 1 p.m. lunch series takes place Wednesdays, in Room 0121, Campus Recreation Center.



"Exercise in the Cold," Nov. 3, addresses the proper way to exercise in cold weather. "Time Management: Fitting It All In," Nov. 10, offers time management strategies to help balance your life. And on Nov. 17, learn about low fat recipes and health holiday eating at the "Holiday Eating" presentation.

In addition to the brown bag lunches, the center presents some Monday evening talks devoted to fitness and nutrition. These talks are from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Room 0121 Campus Recreation Center.

Monday, Nov. 8, the topic is "Fad Diets: Dispelling the Myths." Learn about the popular new diets and which ones are good for your health. Nov. 15 you'll learn how to use the weight room for a workout during "The Weight Room: Strength Training for Beginners."

All the programs are free of charge. For more information call 314-1280.

and Social Change," with Rebecca Allahyari, Women's Studies and Kelly Quinn, American Studies, Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 2:30 p.m., in Room 1102 Taliaferro Hall.

For more information please visit the Mini-Center's Website at: otal.umd.edu/amst/mini-center/ or contact the administrator, Sandor Vegh, at veghs@otal.umd.edu.

One Billion Cokes

Joel Swerdlow, senior editor and lead author, National Geographic Special Issue Global Culture, discusses "1 Billion Cokes a Day: World Culture at the Millennium," 4 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 27, in the West Gallery of the Art and Sociology Building. This event is cosponsored by the art department and the department of art history.

Feminist Art Historian

Internationally renowned feminist art historian and activist, Hilary Robinson discusses "From the

Experience." This month's exhibit features the work of two University of Maryland students, Dionne Thomas and Jason Culpepper, through Oct. 30. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Culpepper is a self-taught artist and native of Washington, D.C. Though not yet an accomplished artist, he possesses the style and creativity of the masters. Culpepper believes the "pencil is an extension of his soul." Thomas is a divinely blessed artist whose works provide a visual message of life. She describes her pieces as "not only works of art but also works of the heart."

A public closing reception for the artists takes place Friday, Oct. 29, from 4-7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Celebration of Black Art: the African American Experience is a rotating exhibition of local artists' original works. Artists interested in being considered for the next exhibit or further information

For more information, contact Ron Jones at 405-6662.

Riddled Basins

Edward Ott, departments of electrical and computer engineering and physics, discusses "Riddled Basins of Attraction of Chaotic Systems: Inevitable Uncertainties in the Outcomes of Experiments," Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 1:30 p.m. In Room 2460 A.V. Williams Building. His talk is sponsored by the Control and Dynamical Systems Lecture Series and the Institute for Systems Research.

For further information, visit: www.isr.umd.edu/Labs/ISL/events.html

Statistics Seminar

Jack Lee, Institute of Statistics, National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan presents a statistics seminar "On Analyzing Dependent Data," Thursday, Oct. 28, at 3:30 p.m., Room 1313 Mathematics Building

For more information, contact Grace Yang, 405-5480 or